

Catalog sheds its girth but keeps its worth

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IT TAKES A LOT of space to list, by date, the world's more than 65,000 types of coins produced since 1800. Despite this, some collectors thought last year's edition of "Standard Catalog of World Coins" overdid it a little.

The book was almost the same size and thickness as the Chicago phone directory, certainly not the easiest thing to lug to a coin show.

This year's edition [the fourth] uses a different kind of paper which reduces the thickness [but not the page size] by about one-fourth, a welcome change. But, thankfully, the reduced thickness did not change the quality of its contents.

The catalog by Chester L. Krause and Clifford Mishler is one of coin collecting's basic references, and a requisite for any collector's library [at \$19.50 a copy, one of the more expensive collector catalogs].

The newest edition [1,600 pages and more than 31,000 pictures of coins] also updates the retail prices for almost every coin listed, including all of the United States coins. In addition, the 1977 edition has an expanded index, and improved sections on Italian, German, and French coins.

The book is sold in many Chicago area coin stores, or can be ordered from the publisher, Krause Publications, Inc., 700 E. State St., Iola, Wis. 54945.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT coin book published recently is the 25th edition of J.E. Charlton's "Standard Catalogue of Canadian Coins, Tokens and Paper Money." It is the most popular reference on Canadian coins and other numismatic items.

In addition to updating the values listed for each item, Charlton has written a new foreword for this edition, revised the paper money sec-

tion, added new photographs and included a complete listing of Canada's Olympic coins for the first time.

This 289-page book costing \$4.50 also is sold widely, or can be ordered from Charlton International Publishing, Inc., 299 Queen St. West, Toronto, Ont., Canada M5V 1Z9.

CONFEDERATE PAPER money has become an increasingly "hot" collector's item, as illustrated by the recently published fifth edition of "Confederate States of America Paper Money," by Arlie R. Slabaugh.

The approximate retail value of some Confederate bills listed in this edition are 10 times the values listed in the book's first edition in 1958. Also included are many illustrations and background information on Confederate currency.

Priced at \$2.50, it is available from Hewitt Numismatic Publications, 7320 Milwaukee Av., Chicago, Ill. 60648.